

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1. A lens apparatus capable of performing serial communication with a camera body, comprising :
  - a selection device which permits or prohibits the serial communication.
- 5 2. The lens apparatus according to claim 1, wherein :
  - when the serial communication is prohibited by said selection device, parallel communication is performed with a camera body.
3. The lens apparatus according to claim 1, wherein :
  - when the serial communication is prohibited by said selection device, a
- 10 processing speed of a processing circuit loaded into said lens apparatus is reduced.